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SUBJECT: NIGHT REACH : UN REQUEST FOR AIRLIFT OF REFRIGERATORS

REF: STATE 28514

1. UN SECRETARIAT HAS ASKED URGENTLY IF US CAN PROVIDE BY END OF THIS WEEK FREE AIRLIFT FOR PART OF SHIPMENT OF 210 REFRIGERATORS FROM STOCKHOLM TO CIARO. UN HAS TRIED OTHER POTENTIAL CARRIERS BEFORE FORMALLY COMING TO US, AND JUST TODAY FRG AGREED TO PROVIDE TRANSPORT WORTH ABOUT \$24,000. UN IS ALSO LOOKING INTO COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION SINCE WE DID NOT ENCOURAGE UN TO BELIEVE WE COULD AGREE.

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WM UNEF HEADQUARTERS CAIRO HAS EMPHASIZED THAT IT REQUIRES

EARLIEST POSSIBLE DELIVERY OF REFRIGERATORS BECAUSE OF INCREASING DESERT HEAT. THUS, UN REQUEST APPLIES ONLY IF USG CAN PROVIDE TRANSPORT BY END OF THIS WEEK, OR BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK AT LATEST.

3. UN WOULD BE WILLING TO TRADE PART OF US STANDING COMMITMENT OF 12 C-141'S FOR KENYANS FOR REFRIGERATOR LIFT. THEY WOULD PROBABLY GO SO FAR AS TO TRADE ALL 12 KENYAN FLIGHTS FOR THE TWO OR THREE C-141'S NEEDED IN THIS CASE IF US COMMITMENT FOR KENYANS COULD NOT BE APPLIED TO TRANSPORT OF WHATEVER CONTINGENT (PROBABLY NIGERIANS, BUT POSSIBLY KENYANS THEMSELVES) REPLACED NEPALESE IN SEPTEMBER ROTATION. IN OTHER WORDS, UN RECOGNIZED THAT US COMMITMENT TO LIFT KENYANS MAY LAPSE BY SEPTEMBER SINCE THAT MAY NO LONGER BE REGARDED AS "INITIAL IMPLACEMENT" PERIOD. IMPLICIT ALSO IS ASSUMPTION THAT NO ADDITIONAL UNEF CONTINGENTS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR GOLAN DISENGAGEMENT. COMMENT: IN CONSIDERING THIS TRADE, WE HOPE STATE AND DOD WILL CONSIDER WHETHER AIR-LIFTING A CONTINGENT IN SEPTEMBER COULD NOT BE VIEWED AS FALLING WITHIN NIGHT REACH TERMS OF REFERENCE AS PART NOTHERN FRONT INITIAL EMPLACEMENT.

4. ALL 210 REFRIGERATORS WILL BE READY FOR SHIPMENT FROM STOCKHOLM ON MAY 7. CRATED THEY WEIGHT 507 LBS. EACH: AND SIZE OF INDIVIDUAL CONTAINERS IS 1.223 CUBIC METERS. THEY CAN BE PALLETIZED; MAXIMUM OF SIX CAN BE LOADED ON TOP OF EACH OTHER. BEFORE FRG MADE ITS OFFER (AND UN DOES NOT KNOW HOW MANY FLIGHTS OF WHAT AIRCRAFT \$24,000 TRANSLATES INTO), SECRETARIAT ESTIMATED ONE C-5A , 3 C-141'S, OR 7 C-131'S COULD LIFT THE 210 UNITS. WE ARE COORDINATING WITH FRG UN MISSION, AND BONN MAY WISH DO SAME WITH FOREIGN OFFICE.

5. WE HOPE US CAN BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO THIS EMERGENCY REQUEST. WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT REPLAY.
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